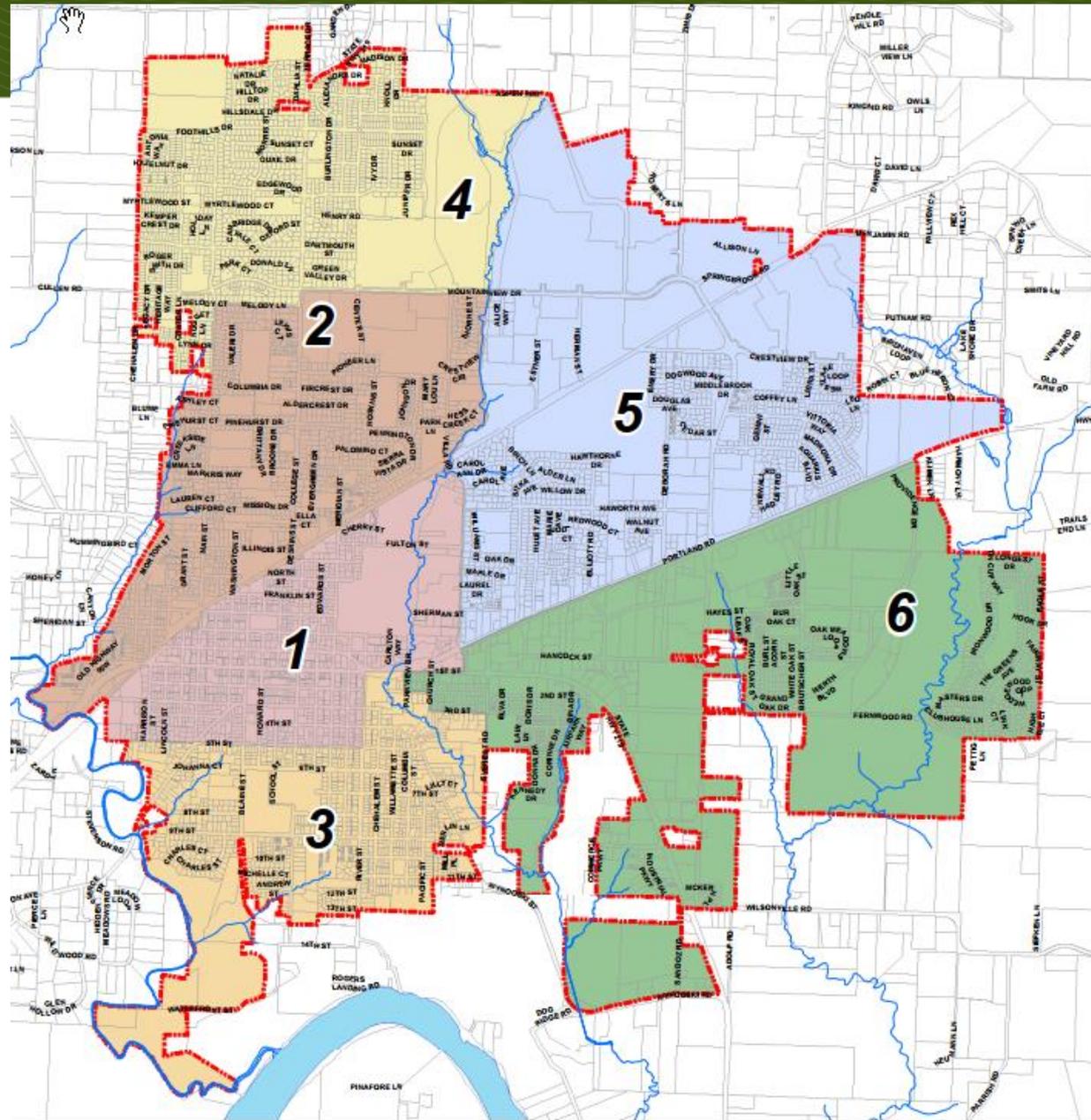


Legislative Redistricting

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- Map for illustration. Most current version is online at <https://www.newbergoregon.gov/citycouncil>

What & Why ?

- City Charter defines 6 districts for City Council
- Districts must be re-balanced after the U.S. Census
- 2020 Census – data being released
- Per City Charter, Councilors must have and maintain their residence in the district from which they were nominated

Newberg History

- 1996 Charter established district system.
- 2000 Redistricting – 8 criteria
- 2010 Redistricting – 3 criteria
- 2020 Redistricting – Behind normal schedule
 - Delays with data due to COVID-19 pandemic & court challenges
 - Order – State must finish first, then counties, then cities can begin

Legal Considerations

- City Charter & State Law – no specific procedures for local government (e.g. number of public hearings before and after the adoption of the plan).
- Charter Guidance
 - Districts should represent, as near as is practical, the same number of electors.
 - Redistricting must be done within “a reasonable time” after the U.S. Census data is available, or “when the city so orders”

Legal Considerations

- Requirements Imposed on State (see ORS 188.010):
 - Contiguity
 - Equal Population
 - Utilization of Existing Geographic and Political Boundaries
 - No Division of Communities of Common Interest
 - Connected by Transportation Links
- No district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent legislator or other person.
- No district shall be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

Next Steps

- Data analysis – Hiring technical contractor
- Community outreach & education
- Setting timeline
 - Option A: Complete before 2022 election cycle begins
 - Option B: Set a separate timeline – after election cycle or ???

Resources

- Data Gems – U.S. Census website
 - <https://www.census.gov/>